

Amendments to the Claims

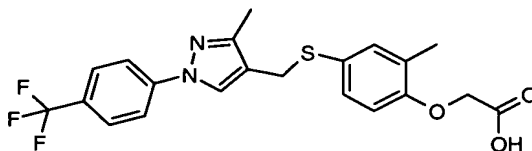
Please cancel Claims 4, 8, 9, 13-17.

In the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

What is claimed is:

1. (Original) A compound of the Formula I:



and pharmaceutically acceptable salts, solvates and hydrates thereof.

2. (Original) A compound as claimed by Claim 1 wherein the compound is {2-Methyl-4-[3-methyl-1-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-ylmethylsulfanyl]-phenoxy}-acetic acid.

3. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition, comprising as an active ingredient, at least one compound as claimed by any one of Claims 1 and 2 together with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Original) A method of treating diabetes mellitus in a mammal, comprising the step of administering to the mammal in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of at least one compound as claimed by any one of Claims 1 and 2.

6. (Original) A method of Claim 5 wherein, the mammal in need of such treatment is diagnosed as needing such treatment by a qualified health care provider.

7. (Original) A method of treating Metabolic Syndrome in a mammal, comprising the step of administering to the mammal in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of at least one compound as claimed by any one of Claims 1 and 2.

8. (Canceled)
9. (Canceled)
10. (Original) A method of treating atherosclerosis in a mammal, comprising the step of administering to the mammal in need thereof, a therapeutically effective amount of at least one compound as claimed by any one of Claims 1 and 2.
11. (Original) A compound as claimed by any one of Claims 1 and 2 for use as a pharmaceutical.
12. (Original) A compound as claimed by any one of Claims 1 and 2 wherein the compound is radiolabeled.
13. (Canceled)
14. (Canceled)
15. (Canceled)
16. (Canceled)
17. (Canceled)